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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Monday, 31 March 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

Committees

SIXTH COMMITTEE:

WORKING GROUP OF THE WHOLE FOR THE ELABORATION OF A CONVENTION ON THE LAW OF THE NON-NAVIGATIONAL USES OF INTERNATIONAL WATERCOURSES

Second session

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	53rd meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	54th meeting	Conference Room 1

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The President of the General Assembly will hold an informal open-ended meeting with all Member States on Wednesday, 2 April 1997, at 10 a.m., in Conference Room 4, concerning the organization of work of the nineteenth special session, as indicated at the meeting of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Inter-sessional Working Group of the Commission on Sustainable Development that took place on Friday, 7 March 1997.

Note: The PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA and the SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS of bodies other than those of the General Assembly at its fifty-first session appear in PART II (English/French) of the present issue of the Journal (No. 1997/61 (PART II)).

SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Thursday, 27 March 1997

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-first session

94th plenary meeting

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (Article 19 of the Charter) (A/51/780/Add.4) [119]

The General Assembly took note that Ecuador and Latvia had made the necessary payments to reduce their arrears below the amount specified in Article 19 of the Charter.

Adoption of the agenda of the fifty-first regular session of the General Assembly and organization of work [8]:

(a) *Request for the inclusion of an additional item: note by the Secretary-General (A/51/237)*

The General Assembly decided to waive the provision of rule 40 of the rules of procedure.

The Assembly, on the proposal of the Secretary-General, decided to include in the agenda of the fifty-first regular session an additional item entitled "Election of judges of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991" and to consider it directly in plenary meeting.

(b) *Request for the reopening of the consideration of agenda item 18 (b) (Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions): note by the Secretary-General (A/51/102/ Add.1.)*

The General Assembly decided, on the proposal of the Secretary-General, to reopen consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 18 (Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions) and to consider it directly in plenary meeting. The Assembly further agreed to give it immediate consideration.

Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions: note by the Secretary-General (A/51/102/Add.1) [18 (b)]

The General Assembly decided to appoint Mr. David A. Leis as a member of the Committee on Contributions for a term of office beginning on 27 March 1997 and ending on 31 December 1997.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 18.

Report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

The Rapporteur of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) introduced the report of the Committee on agenda item 19.

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples [19]:

(a) *Report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) (Part II) (A/51/588/Add.1)*

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fourth Committee in paragraph 5 of Part II of its report (A/51/588/Add.1) (resolution 51/224).

Statements in explanation of vote were made by the representatives of the United States, Mongolia, the United Kingdom, Cuba, Papua New Guinea, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (on behalf of the Caribbean Community) and Thailand.

(b) *Letter from Saint Lucia (A/51/799)*

The General Assembly took note of the nomination, by its President, of Saint Lucia as a member of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples.

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 19.

The situation in Central America: procedures for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace and progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development [40]:

(a) *Report of the Secretary-General (A/51/828)*

(b) *Draft resolution (A/51/L.69)*

(c) *Report of the Fifth Committee (A/51842)*

The representative of Mexico made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/51/L.69.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Netherlands (on behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, Estonia, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia), Spain, the United States and Canada.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/51/L.69 (resolution51/198 B).

The representative of Guatemala made a statement.

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 40.

Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Liberia: report of the Fifth Committee (Part II) (A/51/504/Add.1) [135]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of Part II of its report (A/51/504/Add.1) (resolution 51/3 B).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 135.

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE 55th meeting

Note: The summary of the 55th meeting of the Fifth Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1997/62 (I).

SIXTH COMMITTEE

WORKING GROUP OF THE WHOLE FOR THE ELABORATION OF A CONVENTION ON THE LAW OF THE NON-NAVIGATIONAL USES OF INTERNATIONAL WATERCOURSES
Second Session 52nd meeting

Elaboration of a framework convention on the law of the non-navigational uses of international watercourses on the basis of the draft articles adopted by the International Law Commission in the light of the written comments and observations of States and views expressed in the debate at the forty-ninth session [4]

Statements were made by the representatives of Israel, India, the Russian Federation, the United States, Egypt, Ethiopia, China, Chile, Turkey, Italy, Guatemala, the Czech Republic, the Syrian Arab Republic, Romania, Portugal, France, the Netherlands, Mexico, Pakistan, Rwanda, Malaysia, Lebanon, Germany, Bangladesh, Canada and South Africa.

The Chairman of the Drafting Committee and the Expert Consultant also made statements.

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